Environmental Officer Course Introduction

Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Environmental Officer Course

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Purpose

- To provide training to Environmental Officers (EO) in accordance with AR 200-1 “Environmental Protection and Enhancement” and FM 3-34.5 “Environmental Considerations.”

- To provide background information to the EO’s concerning Fort Wainwright’s environmental compliance requirements and sustainability goals.

Course Scope

- Identify the responsibilities of Environmental Officers (EO).
- Highlight environmental requirements and goals relevant to operations at Fort Wainwright.
- Describe proper methods to identify, handle, store and dispose of hazardous materials and wastes both in garrison and in the field.
- Identify cultural and natural resources at Fort Wainwright in conjunction with our stewardship requirements.

Environmental Officers

- AR 200-1
  - Required to be assigned by Senior Mission Commanders and Unit Commanders to “ensure compliance actions take place.”
  - Fulfills duties as assigned by FM 3-34.5 “Environmental Considerations.”
- Important element of the installation’s Federally mandated Environmental Management System.
- Used as means to ensure field training meets safety and environmental considerations.

Roles and Responsibilities

Senior Mission Commander

Appoint and train EO to coordinate with PWE

Comply with Federal state and local regulations, Executiv

Participate in installations EMS and sustainability efforts

Ensure environmental requirements that impact ranges and training land are incorporated into range master plans

Participate in internal and external environmental assessments and implement corrective actions

Fund environmental requirements not covered in standard IMCOM services

Ensure personnel receive appropriate environmental training

Garrison Commander

- Implement and maintain a mission-focused EMS in accordance with the ISO 14001 standard.
- Ensure that Base Support activities support military training and readiness operations, enhance mission accomplishment, and are conducted in a manner conducive to environmental stewardship.
- Applies for environmental

- Comply with applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws, regulations, internal directives and goals, and Executive Orders
- Conduct annual internal compliance assessments
- Implements an installation-wide Hazardous Materials Management Program.
- Investigate regulatory enforcement actions, complaints, and spills/releases, and correct systemic problems.
- Hold tenant units accountable for compliance.

Unit Commanders

- Appoint an EO at the appropriate levels within the unit to ensure compliance actions take place.
- Instill an environmental ethic in Soldiers and civilians under their command.
- Ensure personnel receive required environmental training.
- Report noncompliance and spills.
- Incorporate environmental responsibilities into unit SOPs and OPORDs.
- Integrate environmental considerations into planning and execution.

Environmental Officers

- FM 3-34.5
  - Advises the unit on environmental compliance during training, operations, and logistics functions.
  - Advises and updates the commander on the unit's environmental performance.
  - Coordinates between the unit and higher/installation headquarters' environmental staffs.
  - Manages information concerning the unit's environmental training and certification requirements.
  - Performs unit environmental self-assessment inspections.
  - Performs environmental risk assessments.

Tenants

- Comply with installation policies, applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations.
- Ensure personnel receive required environmental training.
- Designated a representative to the EQCC.
- Participate in installation's EMS.

Public Works Environmental

- Ensure installation activities are in compliance with applicable environmental requirements.
- Maintain and acquire environmental permits and other documents as needed.
- Provide environmental training.
- Provide assistance and instruction to units organizations on compliance requirements.
- Update the EOs, garrison commander, and tenants as applicable on changes to environmental regulations and requirements.

AR 200-1

- All Army Organizations and Activities:
  - Will comply with applicable environmental requirements.
  - Will strive to achieve continual improvment in overall environmental performance.
  - Will ensure that environmental policy is implement, maintained, and communicated to all military and civilian employees and contracts.

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